



# Summer Meals Newsletter

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SUMMER 2015 WAS A WIN!  
TIME FOR NEXT YEAR'S PLANNING TO BEGIN!

## Economic Impact of Hunger

USDA's national partner, Share Our Strength, recently released a report assessing the economic impact of summer hunger. The report, "Summer Hunger is Too Expensive to Ignore," included several important findings:



- Families **spend an additional \$300** on groceries during the summer months.
- Schools spend \$1540 **"re-teaching" students** struggling with summer learning loss.
- Stopping the learning loss could **save up to \$50.6 billion** nationwide.

To view the full report, please visit: [https://bestpractices.nokidhungry.org/sites/default/files/resources/NKH\\_MicroReport\\_02\\_SummerHunger\\_Final.pdf](https://bestpractices.nokidhungry.org/sites/default/files/resources/NKH_MicroReport_02_SummerHunger_Final.pdf)

## Upcoming Food, Research & Action Center (FRAC) Calls

**September 3rd, 1:00 PM EST**

*FRAC: Debriefing Summer and Setting the Scene for Next Year*

[http://org2.salsalabs.com/o/5118/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event\\_KEY=78242](http://org2.salsalabs.com/o/5118/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event_KEY=78242)

**October 1st, 1:00 PM EST**

*FRAC: Engaging Elected Officials*

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Catch up on USDA's Summer Meals Webinars by following the link below!

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/2015-summer-meals-webinars>

## Transitioning from the SFSP to the CACFP

In an effort to ensure that all children have access to the healthy foods they need to thrive year-round, USDA-FNS has increased flexibilities for existing SFSP sponsors interested in operating the At-Risk Component of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). FNS encourages successful SFSP sponsors to continue to provide meals and snacks to children in their communities in the fall, winter, and spring by transitioning to the At-Risk Afterschool Meals.



The benefits of operating both Programs can extend to everyone:

- **SPONSORS** experience increased financial stability, benefitting from a consistent source of funding and a year-round staffing structure.
- The **COMMUNITY** benefits from an increased flow of Federal dollars.
- And, most importantly, **CHILDREN** benefit from year-round source of nutritious meals.

FNS has streamlined the application and agreement process for SFSP sponsors currently in good standing with the Program. Sponsors interested in transitioning can learn about these and other flexibilities by reading guidance on transitioning to the At-Risk Afterschool Meals Program:

[http://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/CACFP12\\_SFSP14-2013.pdf](http://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/CACFP12_SFSP14-2013.pdf)

# Grant Opportunities for Sponsors

Additional funding sources can help sponsors enhance outreach efforts, improve the nutritional quality of meals, provide free meals for adults, purchase supplies for site activities, hire paid interns or staff, and cover the other costs that come with operating a top-notch Summer Meals Program. In addition to pursuing the national grant opportunities listed below, sponsors are encouraged to check with local foundations to see what funding is available in their area.



Keep these tips in mind before sending in your application:

- Make sure you qualify, and that the grant is relevant to your Program.
- Follow the submissions guidelines, including formatting and content requirements, carefully.
- Include appropriate background and context.
- Be clear and concise when describing your work.
- Highlight real-life examples of your "Summer Meals Success."
- Include specific outputs and outcomes, such as participation numbers.
- Ask colleagues, family members, and friends to review the application.



**National grant opportunities are highlighted below.**

**Good luck!**

- Aetna Foundation (Hunger Relief; Nutrition)  
<https://www.aetna-foundation.org/grants-partnerships/recent-grants.html>
- Arby's Hometown Heroes Grant (Hunger Relief)  
<http://arbysfoundation.org/how-we-help/>
- Bank of America Foundation (Hunger Relief)  
<http://about.bankofamerica.com/en-us/global-impact/charitable-foundation-funding.html#fbid=UYUq7wiplLt/hashlink=housing>
- Champions of Health Kids Grants (Nutrition)  
<http://www.eatrightfoundation.org/foundation/championgrants/>
- Cigna Foundation (Health; Equity)  
<https://secure17.easymatch.com/cignagive/applications/agency/default.aspx?Skip=Guideline&programid=2>
- ConAgra Foods Foundation (Hunger Relief)  
<http://www.conagrafoods.com/our-company/our-commitment/foundation>
- Ford Foundation (Poverty Relief)  
<http://www.fordfoundation.org/grants/organizations-seeking-grants>
- Kroger Foundation (Hunger Relief)  
[http://www.thekrogerco.com/corpnwsc/corpnwscinfo\\_charitablegiving\\_foundation.htm](http://www.thekrogerco.com/corpnwsc/corpnwscinfo_charitablegiving_foundation.htm)
- Land O'Lakes Foundation (Hunger Relief)  
<http://www.landolakesinc.com/company/corporateresponsibility/foundation/communitygrants/giving/default.aspx>
- NIFA Community Food Projects Competitive Grants Program (Hunger Relief)  
<http://nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/community-food-projects-competitive-grants-program-cfpcgp>
- PNC Foundation (Health; Poverty Relief)  
[https://www1.pnc.com/pncfoundation/foundation\\_grantProcess.html](https://www1.pnc.com/pncfoundation/foundation_grantProcess.html)
- RKG Foundation (Community Improvement; Youth Development )  
<http://www.rgkfoundation.org/public/guidelines>
- Robert McCormick Foundation (Hunger Relief)  
<http://www.mccormickfoundation.org/grantmaking-approach?>
- The Safeway Fund (Hunger Relief)  
<http://www.safewayfoundation.org/get-funded/what-we-fund.html>
- Tyson Foods Foundation (Hunger Relief)  
<http://www.tysonfoods.com/Ways-We-Care/Giving-Back/Corporate-Grant-Funding.aspx>
- USDA RD Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Programs (Community Improvement )  
<http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/programs-services-communities-nonprofits>
- Wal-Mart Foundation (Hunger Relief)  
<http://foundation.walmart.com/our-focus/hunger/>